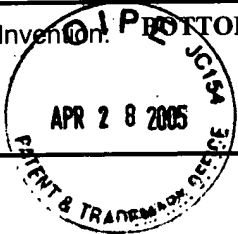


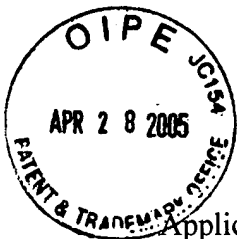


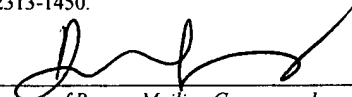
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 27, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings are set forth in the replacement sheets 1-5 attached hereto, as explained on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of the claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.